

## House Resolution No. 4212

**Whereas**, Gary Dean Barton of Oates, Missouri, will retire from his position as Reynolds County Sheriff on December 31, 2008, following twenty-four years of steadfast and admirable service; and

**Whereas**, Gary Barton is an outstanding individual who has faithfully performed his important duties and responsibilities with the utmost professionalism, conscientiousness, and fairness; and

**Whereas**, Gary Barton served as a Supervisor at Chrysler, as an Employer at ISP, and as a Reynolds County Deputy prior to assuming his responsibilities as Reynolds County Sheriff; and

**Whereas**, Gary Barton's impressive record of achievement also includes serving as a District Zone Leader for Troop G, Master of Barnesville Lodge, Vice President of the Lesterville School Board, Vice President of the Democrat Committee, and as a member of the River Hills Drug Task Force, the Missouri Sheriff's Association Board of Directors and Legislation Committee, the Major Case Squad Board of Directors, the Drug Free Schools in Reynolds County Board of Directors, and the Locust Grove Church Building Committee; and

**Whereas**, Gary Barton worked diligently with Ameren in building the new Sheriff's Office and in the implementation of the new 911 System; and

**Whereas**, Gary Barton has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the years, a few of which include going on an annual elk hunt in Colorado with George and Larry Becker, hunting and fishing with his family and friends, camping and spending time with his wife at their cabin, and most importantly spending time with his many loved ones; and

**Whereas**, Gary Barton has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Paula Barton; one daughter, Melanie Gray; two sons, Gabe Gray and Mike Barton; two grandsons, Rhylan Gray and Brody Barton; and one granddaughter, Reese Gray:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing deep gratitude for the superb service that Sheriff Gary Barton has rendered to Reynolds County during the past twenty-four years and in wishing him ample opportunity to enjoy the better things life has to offer; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Gary Dean Barton, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative J.C. Kuessner  
District No. 152

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4212, adopted September 24, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker